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ABSTRACT

This publication was assembled with the idea of assisting religious leaders in all denominations to conduct services which would relate to the healing of Planet Earth in conjunction with the first United Nations Environmental Sabbath during June, 1990. Part I is introductory, in nature, and contains factual data concerning the following environmental issues: global warming and climate change, ozone depletion, global air pollution, freshwater resources and water quality, oceanic and coastal resources, deforestation and desertification, biological diversity, sound management of biotechnology, hazardous waste and toxic chemical disposal, the environmental aspects of communicable diseases, and the hazards of pollution. Part II outlines non-sectarian actions, prayers, and songs suggested for use during the Environmental Sabbath celebration, along with denominational proclamations and prayers from the following religions: Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Moslem, Native American, Society of Friends, Baha'i, Sikh, and Society for Krishna Consciousness. Part III contains selected bibliographic sources, a listing of 101 environmentally appropriate everyday actions promulgated by Interspecies Communication, the Citizens' Treaty for Common Ecological Security prepared by Earth Covenant, and a listing of the members of the advisory board and the planning committee for the first North American Environmental Sabbath. (JJK)

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